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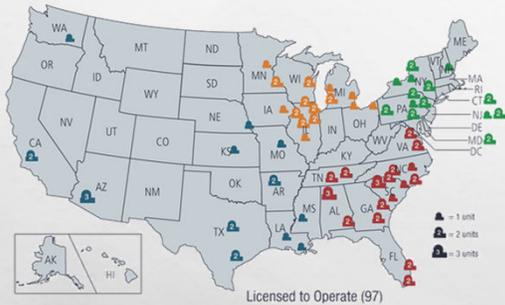
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NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

U.S. Operating Commercial Nuclear Power Reactors



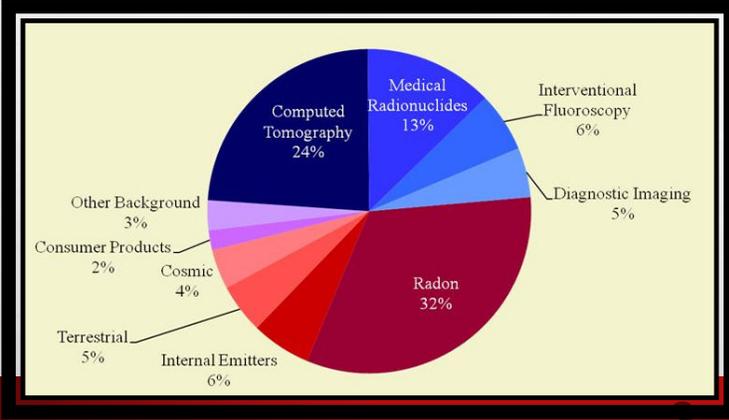
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AVERAGE ANNUAL RADIATION DOSE PER U.S. CITIZEN



- **620 MREM/YEAR**
- **~310 MREM FROM NATURAL RADIATION**
- **~310 MREM FROM MAN-MADE RADIATION**
- **<1 MREM FROM NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION**

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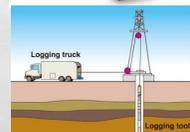
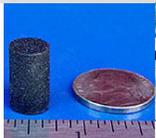
SOURCES AND USES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

SOURCES

- **INDUSTRIAL SOURCES**
- **RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS**
- **CONSUMER PRODUCTS**
- **NUCLEAR FUELS**
- **RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

USES

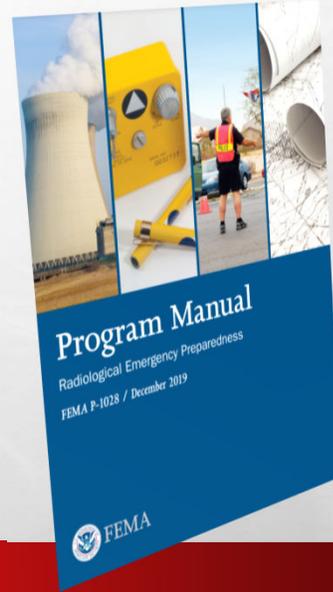
- **MEDICAL**
 - **DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**
 - **THERAPY**
 - **RESEARCH**
- **INDUSTRIAL**
 - **RADIOGRAPHY**
 - **OIL AND GAS WELL-LOGGING**
 - **THICKNESS AND LEVEL GAUGES**
- **FIXED NUCLEAR FACILITIES**
 - **NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS**



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ALABAMA RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

- **PLAN FOR OFF-SITE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.**
- **UTILITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ON-SITE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.**



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EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATIONS



- **NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT**
- **ALERT**



- **SITE AREA EMERGENCY**
- **GENERAL EMERGENCY**

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TYPES OF RADIATION

- **NON-IONIZING**
 - RADIO WAVES
 - TV WAVES
 - INFRARED WAVES
 - MICROWAVES

- **IONIZING**
 - ULTRAVIOLET WAVES
 - GAMMA RAYS
 - X-RAYS
 - COSMIC RAYS
 - ALPHA & BETA PARTICLES

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

The diagram shows the electromagnetic spectrum with a wavelength scale from 10^3 to 10^{-13} meters. It includes icons for a radio, microwave oven, remote control, light bulb, sun, and radiation symbol.

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TYPES OF IONIZING RADIATION

The diagram illustrates the penetration of alpha (α), beta (β), and gamma (γ) radiation through three layers of shielding: Paper, Aluminium, and Lead. Alpha particles are stopped by paper, beta particles by aluminium, and gamma rays by lead.

- **ALPHA**
 - TRAVELS A FEW INCHES IN AIR
 - INTERNAL HAZARD
 - SHIELDED BY PAPER

- **BETA**
 - TRAVELS A FEW FEET IN AIR
 - INTERNAL/EXTERNAL HAZARD
 - SHIELDED BY PLASTIC OR SKIN

- **GAMMA**
 - TRAVELS A FEW HUNDRED FEET IN AIR
 - INTERNAL/EXTERNAL HAZARD
 - SHIELDED BY LEAD OR THICK CONCRETE

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ALWAYS USE THIS!



- ALARA
- AS LOW AS REASONABLY ACHIEVABLE

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CONTROLLING EXPOSURE

TIME

Less time spent near source: less radiation received.

A diagram showing a yellow circle representing a radiation source on the left. Wavy lines representing radiation waves spread out to the right. A purple silhouette of a person is running away from the source. Below the diagram is a teal box containing the text "Less time spent near source: less radiation received." and a white icon of an hourglass.

DISTANCE

Greater the distance from source: less radiation received.

A diagram showing a yellow circle representing a radiation source on the left. Wavy lines representing radiation waves spread out to the right. A green silhouette of a person is standing further away from the source. Below the diagram is a teal box containing the text "Greater the distance from source: less radiation received." and a white icon of a right-pointing arrow.

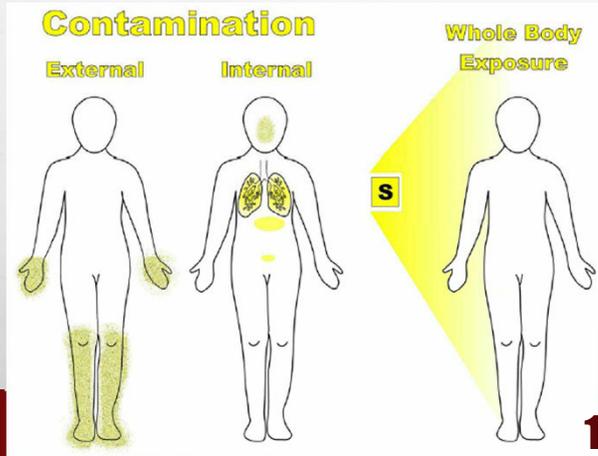
SHIELDING

Behind shielding from source: less radiation received.

A diagram showing a yellow circle representing a radiation source on the left. Wavy lines representing radiation waves spread out to the right. A brown brick wall (shielding) is between the source and a blue silhouette of a person. Below the diagram is a teal box containing the text "Behind shielding from source: less radiation received." and a white icon of a brick wall.

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EXPOSURE VS. CONTAMINATION AND DECONTAMINATION



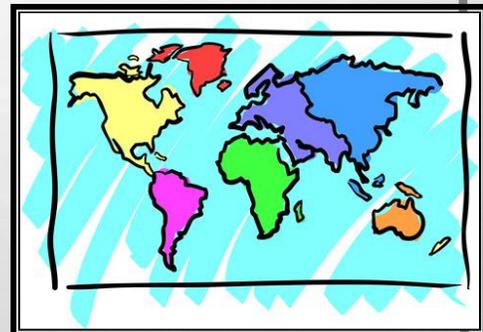
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BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RADIATION

- **EFFECTS FROM LOW DOSES OF RADIATION ARE PREDICTED BASED ON STUDIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THAT RECEIVED LARGE DOSES OF RADIATION OVER 100 YEARS OF STUDY FOCUSING ON 4 GROUPS**
 - **EARLY RADIATION WORKERS**
 - **SURVIVORS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI**
 - **PEOPLE INVOLVED IN RADIATION ACCIDENTS AT NUCLEAR FACILITIES**
 - **CANCER PATIENTS**



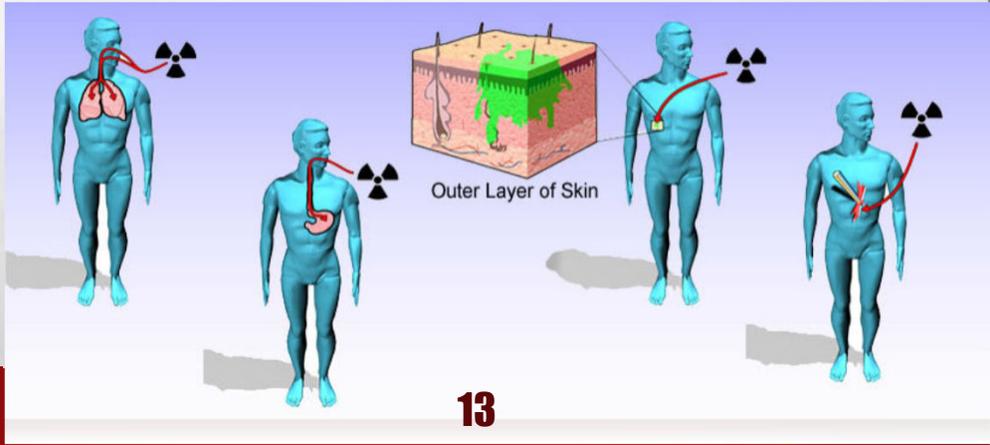
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RADIATION PATHWAYS

- **BIOLOGICAL PATHWAYS THAT CAN INTRODUCE INTERNAL CONTAMINATION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- **INHALATION**
- **INGESTION**
- **ABSORPTION**
- **INJECTION**



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RADIATION & OUR FIVE SENSES

- **WE ARE AWARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT THROUGH OUR FIVE SENSES.**
- **BUT, WE MUST RELY ON INSTRUMENTS TO DETECT TO PRESENCE OF RADIATION.**



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REM (ROENTGEN EQUIVALENT IN MAN)

1,000 mR = 1 R

1R = 1 Rad = 1 rem

**UNIT OF BIOLOGICAL
DAMAGE CAUSED BY
DIFFERENT TYPES OF
IONIZING RADIATION.**

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RADIATION EXPOSURE

- **DOSIMETER = ODOMETER**
- **ACCUMULATED EXPOSURE**



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DIRECT-READ DOSIMETERS (DRD) A.K.A. POCKET DOSIMETERS

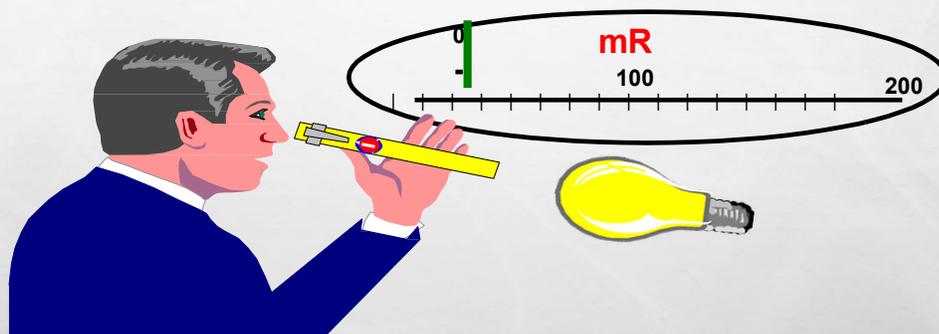
- RECORDS RADIATION IMMEDIATELY
- MEASURES IN...
LOW RANGE (mR)
OR
HIGH RANGE (R)



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READING A POCKET DOSIMETER

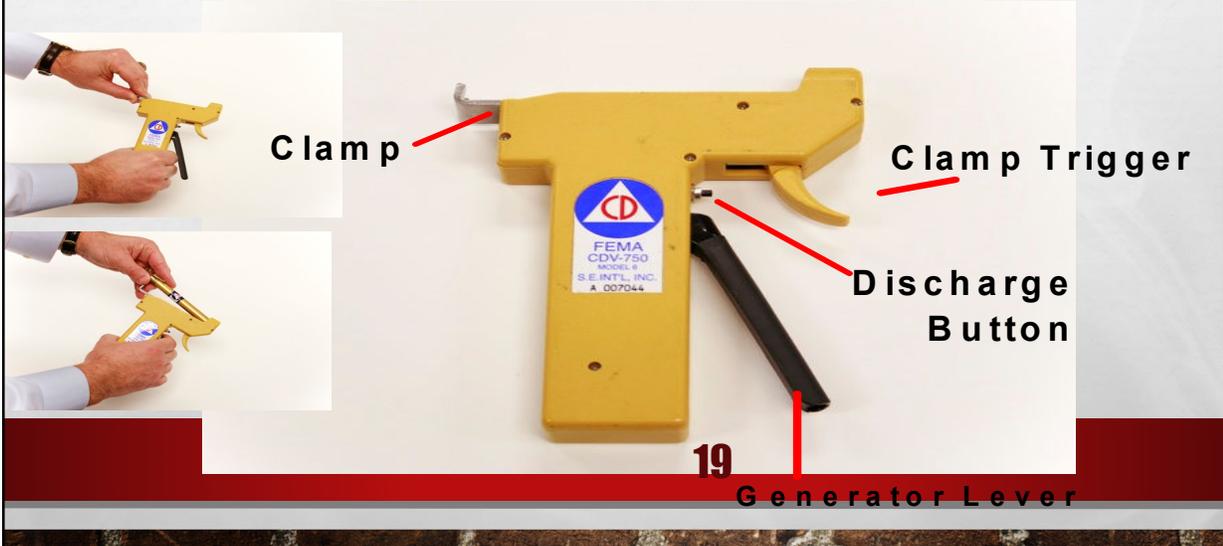


- LOOK THROUGH THE DOSIMETER TOWARD A
LIGHT SOURCE.

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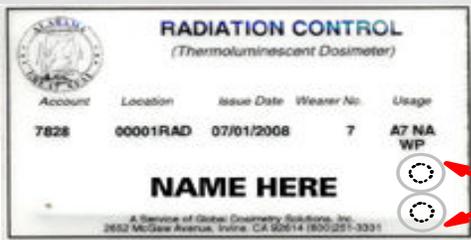
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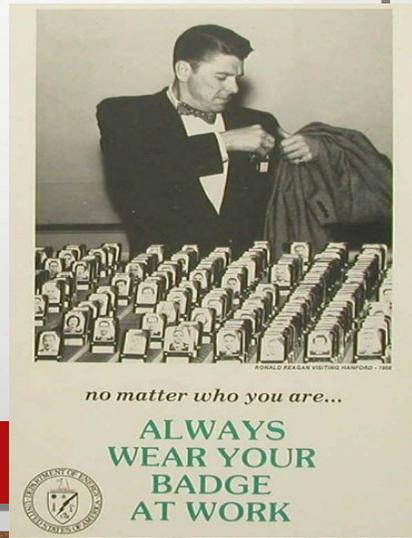
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THERMOLUMINESCENT DOSIMETER

- RECORDS RADIATION DOSE FOR LEGAL/PERMANENT EXPOSURE RECORDS
- RESULTS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE



Lithium Fluoride Chips



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TEDE (TOTAL EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT)



- **TOTAL DOSE**
- **= EXTERNAL DOSE + INTERNAL DOSE**
- **= 2 X EXTERNAL DOSE**
- **TEDE = 2 X POCKET DOSIMETER READING**

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RADIATION DOSAGE LIMITS FOR EMERGENCY WORKERS

EMERGENCY WORKERS (EW) PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT MONITORS (PEM) Radiation Dosage Limits TEDE (Total Effective Dose Equivalent)

EW: Protecting Property, Patrolling Evacuated Areas, and Manning Check Points
PEM: Monitoring evacuees/EWs and equipment for radiation contamination.

	TEDE	Dosimeter
Seek Relief	200 mrem	100 mR
Daily Maximum	1 rem	500 mR
MAXIMUM for ACCIDENT	5 rem	2.5 R
Evacuating Known Residents	10 rem	5 R
Fighting Residence Fires	10 rem	5 R
Life Saving	25 rem	12.5 R

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FOR EWs and PEMs

- All emergency workers are advised to make a reasonable effort to limit their total dose, while at the same time accomplishing their emergency responsibilities.
- Read dosimeters and record at least every 30 minutes.**
- Do not take Potassium Iodide (KI) until instructed by your county EMA.
- Control your exposure to radiation by your time, distance and shielding.**

FOR PEMs ONLY

- Contamination level in Alabama is (2x) twice background (open window) and will warrant decontamination.
- Monitoring technique: 1 inch away and move 1-2 inches per second.**
- On lowest scale (x0.1), the Ludlum 14C meter scale will read 0-600 cpm.
- Do a response check and calibration verification, cover probe, and obtain background.**
- Use CPM scale when monitoring for contamination.

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KI (POTASSIUM IODIDE)



- **THYROID BLOCKING AGENT**
- **SATURATES THE THYROID GLAND WITH NONRADIOACTIVE IODINE (I-127)**
- **HELPS PREVENT RADIOACTIVE IODINE (I-131) FROM BEING ABSORBED INTO THE THYROID**

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CONTACT US ANYTIME!

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CONTACTS
 USE FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

**24-hour
 State EOC Communication Center**
 (205) 280-2310
 (800) 843-0699

If contact is not established, please call:
 Alabama Radiation Control Duty Officer
 (334) 324-0076

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